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Respectfully submitted,



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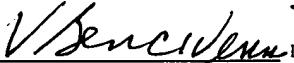
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The remarks below are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated April 1, 2005, in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on November 16, 2001, as a divisional of parent application Serial No. 08/923,301, which was filed September 4, 1997 and issued March 19, 2002 as U.S. Patent No. 6,359,899. The present application was originally filed with claims 1-28, and claims 13, 14, 27 and 28 were canceled in a transmittal letter filed with the present application. Claims 1-12 and 15-26 are pending in the present application.

In the April 1, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 8-12 and 22-26, indicated that claims 6, 7, 20 and 21 contain allowable subject matter, and rejected claims 1-5 and 15-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,872,769 (hereinafter "Caldara").